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Georges Bank Sea Scallop Exemption Fishery

(A preliminary monitoring report)
data last updated on **August 23, 1999**

	Directed Scallop Fishery (meat weight)	Yellowtail Flounder Bycatch (live weight)
Total Allowable Catch (TAC)	9,384,812 lbs. (4,257 mt)*	853,165 lbs. (387 mt)*
Total Catch to date	3,294,976 lbs.	396,679 lbs.
% of TAC	35%	46%

* 2,204.56 lbs. equal 1 metric ton (mt)

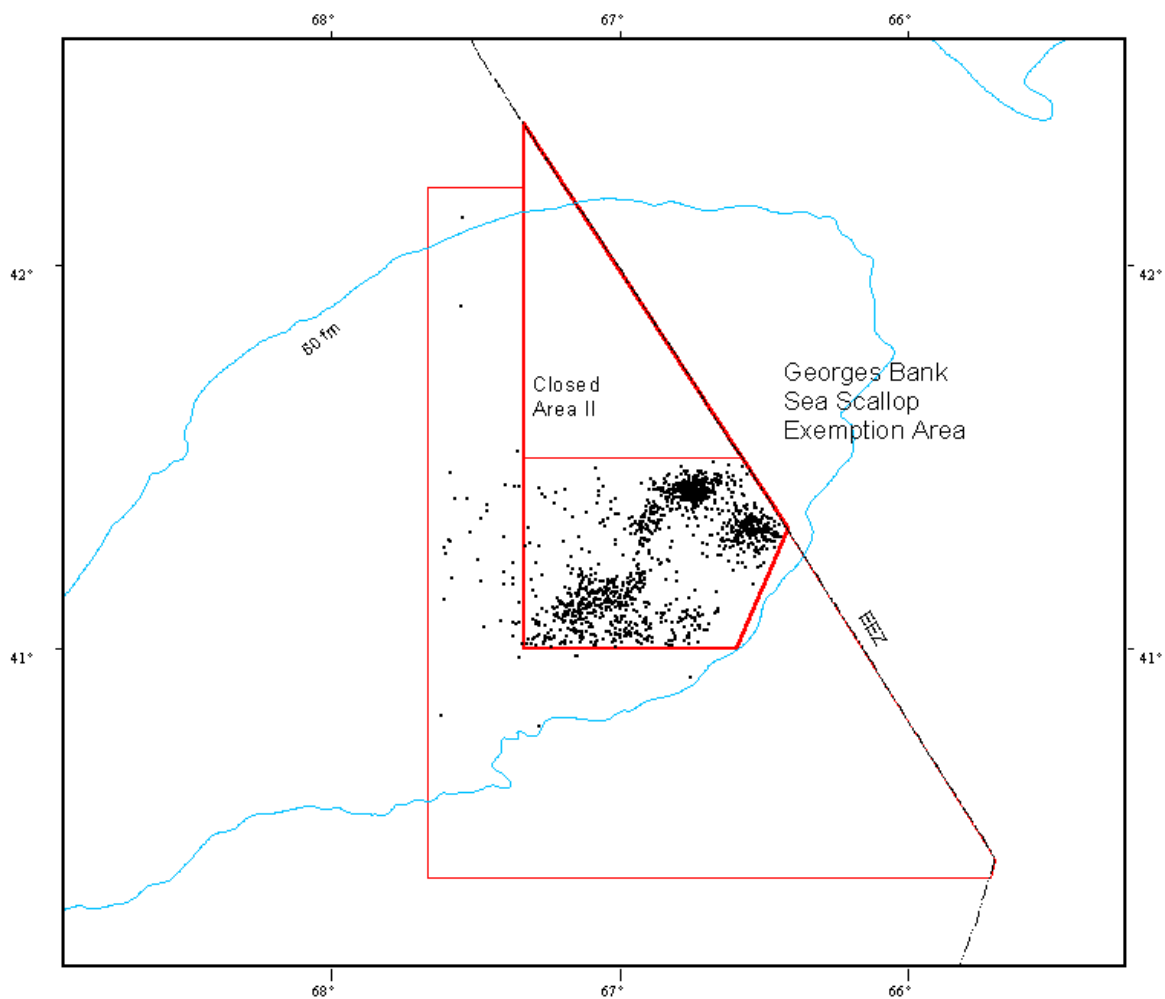
Number of Vessels taking only 1 trip	24
Number of Vessels taking 2 trips	41
Number of Vessels taking 3 trips	83
Total Number of Participating Vessels:	148
Number of Scallop Trips:	355
Percentage of Observed Trips	23%

The reports will be updated every Tuesday and Friday. However, more frequent updates are scheduled when the accumulated catch approaches the TAC. Please call the Sustainable Fisheries Division at 978-281-9278 regarding management issues, or contact John Witzig at 978-281-9232 for statistical data.

Included are figures:

1. Sea scallop vessel-days
2. Graph of cumulative scallop catch and yellowtail flounder catch

Figure 1. Scallop vessel-days
within the Georges Bank Sea Scallop Exemption Area
(June 15 - August 23, 1999)



Note: Symbols (·) indicate vessel location at time of daily report.

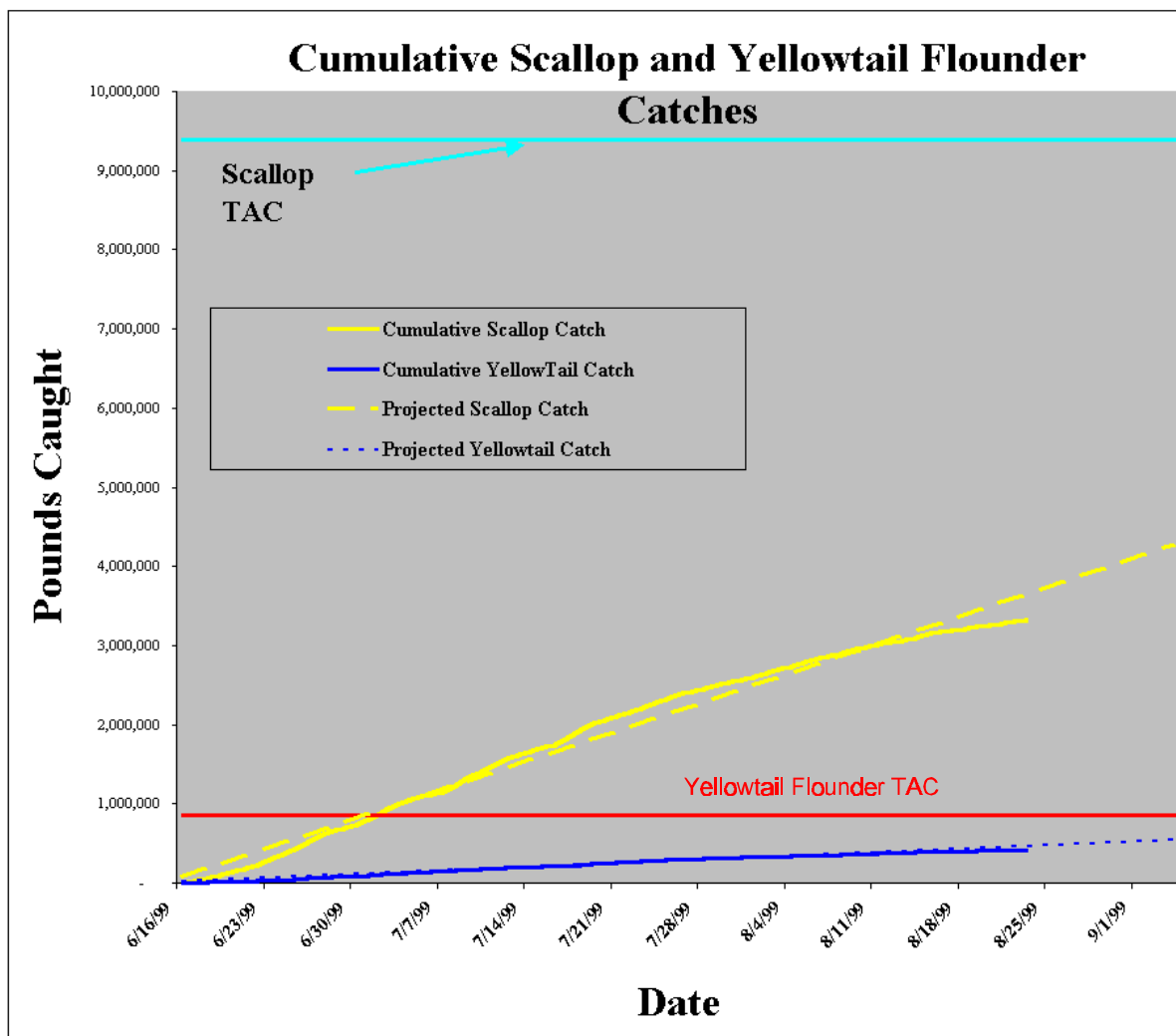


Figure 2. Cumulative catches of scallops and yellowtail flounder based on daily reports from fishing vessels. Projections are based on simple linear regression, note though as vessels use up their 3 trip allowance, the catch curves will flatten out and the actual cumulative catches will fall below the